would be better to consider their case also in order to avoid heart-burning.

NELLIAMPATHIES—CONDITIONS OF ESTATE LABOURERS

268. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many estates are there in the Nelliampathi Hills, Cochin State;

(*b*) how many persons are employed in each estate as coolies;

(*c*) males—females—how many;

(*d*) whether there are cooly lines built for housing them;

(*e*) whether there are separate houses for each family or separate rooms or suite of rooms for each family;

(*f*) whether there is a provision store;

(*g*) whether it is conducted by private merchants or by estate authorities;

(*h*) what will be the difference in the price of articles available at Nemmara and at Nelliampathies; what will be the wages given to a male and to a female in Coffee estate, Tea estate and Rubber estate?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*:

(*a*) 15.

(*b*) & (*c*) A statement is appended. *(Appendix II.)*

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No separate houses. Separate suitable rooms have been provided.

(*f*) Yes, in all estates except in Shernelli estate, which is close to Pothundi and Nemmara.

(*g*) The store is conducted by the estate authorities for rice only. The coolies have to purchase sundries from private merchants at Nelliampathi, for which cash payment is made by the estate authorities.

(*h*) 10 per cent in rice and 15 per cent in sundries.

Coffee Estate

Male	Re. 0— 6— 0
Female	,, 0— 4— 0

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Tea Estate

3 pies per pound of tea leaves. (A cooly can collect on an average of 30 pounds a day).

Rubber

Male Re. 0 3— 0

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there are not very many cases where in the same room or in the same set of rooms more than one family is living.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*: I am not aware.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether the Minister and the Diwan once went there for a party and they have noted that there is not sufficient accommodation so far as each family is concerned.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. The Diwan has directed that sufficient accommodation should be provided for.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Is it not a fact that more than one family is living in one and the same room?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is true and the Diwan was angry for want of accommodation.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to see that sufficient accommodation is given so far as the coolies are concerned?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Yes, in case it has not already been done.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether 3 annas is not too small a wage for male workers in rubber estates?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* I suppose they are people who go from Nemmara and return the same day. They have not to stay there.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know for how many hours they have to work?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Factory Act enforceable there?

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Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to inform this House that the Diwan directed the estate owners that proper housing accommodation should be given. May I know whether it was under any provision of law or only a personal direction.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* On the assumption that they will listen to the opinion of a person of the status of the Diwan. It is immaterial whether it is according to law or as a result of friendly persuasion that the required reform is effected.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Have they taken action ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We have not made further enquiries.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* This was not the only provision that the Diwan wanted to see effected. He said that even schools should be started. As a matter of fact, one school building has been completed and started and another is on the way and it will be opened after *Navarathri.* The Diwan wanted to persuade them and if persuasion will fail, then legislation would follow.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Does the Government consider that the wages of 3 annas up in the hills is too low ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* It is not on the top of the hills that this 3 annas is paid. It is in the plains.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Is it not a fact that the rubber is tapped only in the Shernally Estate ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Yes.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Is it not near Nemmara ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What do the coolies generally get in other estates ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* There is no other rubber estate in the neighbourhood.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Do all the coolies go from Nemmara ?

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Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Only coolies of the Shernelly Estate, go from Nemmara. The coolies of other estates are permanent residents there, and they get higher wages.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* What is the distance of the Shernelly Estate from the plains?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* About 3 or 4 miles.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Easa Sait *(Mattancheri):* With regard to sub-division (*h*) what is the difference due to?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* That is the difference in price in the market rate at Nemmara and the price at which they are sold in the Nelliampathies.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the rate of wages in the plains?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* I want notice.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: എസ്റ്റേറ്റുകളിലുള്ള ഡിസ്പ്യൂട്ടന്റുകളിൽ കമ്പോണ്ടർമാരാണ് ചികത്സിച്ചുവരുന്നതെന്നുള്ള ഒരു പ്രസ്താവന ഗോമതിയുടെ ഒരു മുഖപ്രസംഗത്തിലുണ്ടായിരുന്നതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഞാനയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്ന ഒരു ചോദ്യം ഇവിടെ ആൻസർ ചെയ്യുകിട്ടിക്കാണുന്നില്ല. അങ്ങിനെ വല്ല സംഭവവും നടക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ എന്നു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടു അന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* I want notice.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know who distributes the rice.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Company's agents.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Is there any lorry service to the Nelliampathies?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Not that I am aware of.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Are not loads taken on animals and bullock-carts?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Sometimes by coolies or pack bulls and some-times by bullock-carts.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* What is the distance to Nemmara from Padagiri?

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Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*: About 25 miles, by road.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: May I know as to whether the cost of taking things up is not very heavy?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*: It is 10 to 15 per cent high. It depends on the method of transport.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: May I know how many estates are there on the top of the Nelliampathies?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*: Except this one (Shernelly) all the rest are on the top of the Hills.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: May I know the rate of wages given by the farmers in these plains?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*: I want notice.

VERUMPATTAM TENANTS—SUITS FOR EVICTION

269. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of eviction suits against *verumpattam* tenants under the following heads during the 1st month after re-opening of Civil Courts in the State.—

(*i*) with arrears of *pattam*;

(*ii*) without arrears;

(*b*) the number of executions instituted for eviction of *verumpattam* tenants during the period referred to in (*a*)?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*:

(*a*) (*i*) 54.

(*ii*) 7.

(*b*) 14.

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APPENDIX I

(Please see answer to question No. 262)

List of Panchayats where there are no Ezhuva Members

1. Vadavukode
2. Mulanthuruthi
3. Elankunnapula
4. Porathisseri
5. Chalakkudi
6. Pariyaram
7. Melur
8. Kilakkummuri
9. Avanur
10. Adat
11. Vilvattam
12. Erava
13. Chevvur
14. Kodannur
15. Kattakampal
16. Kadavallur
17. Chovvannur
18. Velur
19. Tekkumkara
20. Varavur
21. Palayannur
22. Tiruvilwamala
23. Pattancherri

APPENDIX II

(Please see answer to question No. 268)

Particulars of Estates in the Nelliampathi Hills

Serial No.	Names of estates	No. of coolies working		Total
		Male	Female	
1	Manalaroo	100	120	220
2	Lily	80	120	200
3	Pothupara	80	140	220
4	Karadimala	30	40	70
5	Karapara	60	50	110
6	Pothunda	45	35	80
7	Victoria	10	15	25
8	Alexandria	20	20	40
9	Beatrice	14	16	30
10	Cotangadi	45	40	85
11	Chandramala	50	40	90
12	Chooripara	30	30	60
13	Miraflores	43	26	69
14	Thuthampara	30	35	65
15	Shernelli	20	..	20

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